



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 28, 2016

### **MAIN STREET PROJECT**

Next week, crews from Severino Construction and Stoneage Stone-works will be addressing sidewalk punch list items on North and South Main Streets, with a focus on work at City Plaza.

Utility work will continue next week as well. On Monday, October 31st, Thompson Street will be closed to through traffic for underground utility work. Throughout the week, Unitil and Fairpoint will be removing overhead electrical and telephone wires, and Comcast will also begin its work.

The new up-lighting at the clock tower and Eagle Square is on and is stunning. Go take a look!



### **FALL ATHLETIC FIELD PREP**

Parks staff are busy preparing parks and athletic fields for the spring season. In addition to the usual fall cleanup, which consists of removing as many leaves and fallen limbs as possible, staff have also been aerating athletic fields. Aeration requires the use of a tractor and a special piece of equipment. The aerator (pictured at right) is approximately 8 feet wide and removes a “core” of thatch, soil, and organic material. This relieves soil compaction, and allows air and water to permeate more effectively into the soil. The cores are then broken up by dragging a steel drag mat over them and the soil acts as a topdressing which helps reduce the amount of thatch buildup in the soil. Too much thatch in turf grass promotes disease, poor water infiltration, soft field conditions, reduced plant rooting, and a nice place for insects to thrive. The holes that are left after aerating create a nice seed bed, and seeding is done once all fields are aerated. A new 8-foot wide seeder was purchased this past summer and will increase staff productivity by 25%. The “dormant” seeding is very effective, as one can see on the first warm day of April when rows of seed are popping up.



### **OPEN SPACE PUBLIC FORUM**



The Conservation Commission is seeking public input on open space and natural resources in the City. A public forum will be held on **Thursday, November 3rd, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM**, in City Council Chambers (37 Green Street).

Please join us to share your stories of Concord's natural areas; discuss the future of protected open space; and share ideas. Your input is valuable to the success of our plan!

If you are unable to attend, please complete our [brief survey](#).

### **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

The City is working with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan. Meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Fire Headquarters Training Room on November 18th, December 16th, January 13th, January 27th, and February 10th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

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### CONCORD POLICE LIEUTENANT RECEIVES AWARD



On October 13th, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire honored Concord Police Lieutenant **John Thomas** with the St. Michael Award. The St. Michael Award recognizes a practicing Catholic member of law enforcement who has demonstrated uncompromising integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence while always seeking justice, and serves his/her community with distinction. Bishop Peter A. Libasci presented Lt. Thomas with the award during the Guild's annual dinner at the Manchester Country Club.

### HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

#### Penacook

Sunday, 10/30  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

#### Concord

Monday, 10/31  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

### FIRE UNIONS TEAM UP FOR SAFETY EVENT

The Concord Professional Fire Officers Association and the Professional Firefighters of Concord teamed up last week to present a very realistic safety demonstration for the students at the NH Technical Institute. "Operation Crash" (pictured below) shows what can happen when drinking or other behavior causes a serious accident. Several off duty officers and firefighters showed how patients are extricated from vehicles and treated. Concord Police Officer Ryan Howe also assisted with the event.



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